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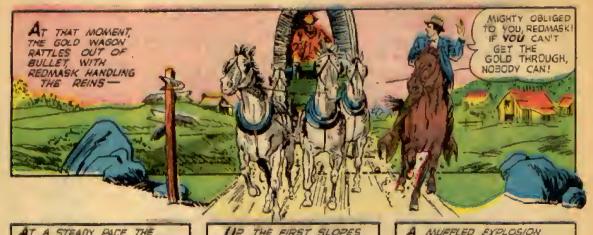
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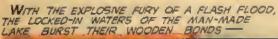




















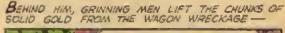




CARRIED ALONG LIKE A LEAF IN A WINDSTORM, REDMASK IS HURLED AGAINST FLOATING TREE-TRUNKS AND ROCK WALLS, UNTIL THE BREATH IS BATTERED FROM HIS LUNGS—



AND THEN, WHEN THE FURY OF THE WATER SUBSIDES, HE IS DEPOSITED LIMP AND LIFELESS ACROSS A SANDY RIVERBAR —









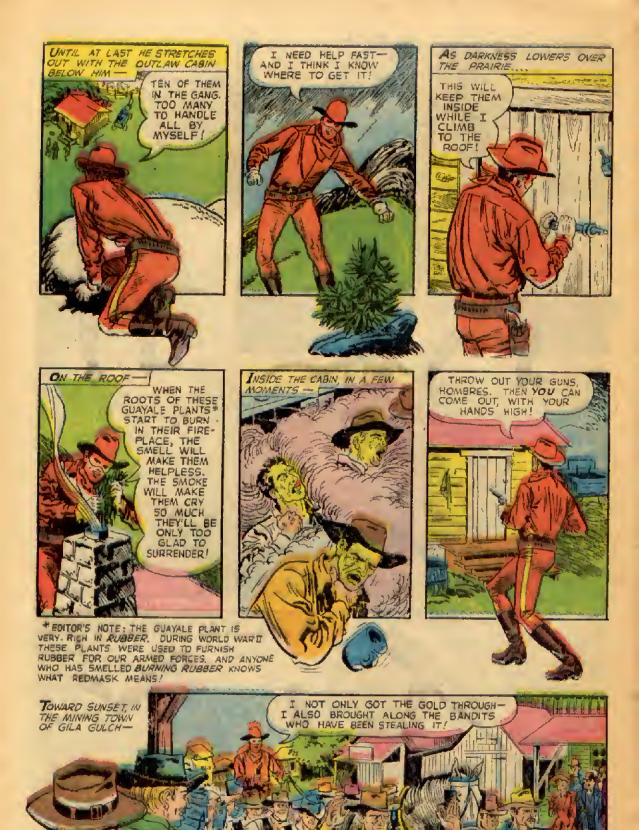














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I THOUGHT YOU'D KNOW THEM, REDMASK, YOU HELPED CAPTURE "KING" GORDON! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HIM— AND THE FACT THAT HE ALWAYS WORE ROYAL PURPLE CLOTHES?



"GORDON ALWAYS CONSIDERED HIMSELF THE KING" OF GUN-MEN AND ROBBERS. THAT'S WHY HE ALWAYS WORE PURPLE, WHICH IS THE COLOR OF KINGS!"



































STREAKED WITH SWEAT, HIS MUSCLES ACHING WITH STRAIN, REDMASK HURLS HIMSELF THIS WAY AND THAT IN THE GRIP OF THE QUICKSAND...!











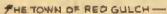




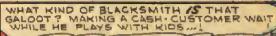


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YOU'LL HAVE TO GET USED TO JEFF IF YOU AIM TO SETTLE IN THESE PARTS ONE THING'S FOR SURE - ME WON'T CHANGE HIS WAYS!



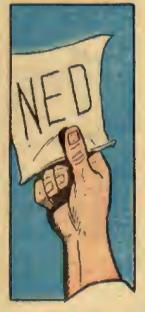
SORRY FOR THE DELAY, FOLKS ... WE'LL GET ON NOW WITH THE SHOW! FOR TODAY'S MAJOR ATTRACTION, I'M GOING TO REAP YOUR MINDS ..! NOW I WANT YOU, ONE BY ONE, TO CALL OUT YOUR NAMES ... AND I'LL WRITE EACH NAME DOWN ON A DIFFERENT PIECE OF PAPER ... AND THEN FOLD THE FAPER REAL CAREFULLIKE!





HERE ARE THE PAPERS, ALL FOLDED, AND LUKE'S PONE A FINE JOB OF GHUFFLING THEM UP IN HIS HAT! NOW, LUKE, PICK OUT ONE OF THE PAPERS, OPEN IT, AND SHOW IT TO THE





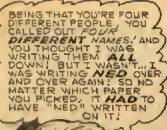
YOU'VE ALL SEEN
IT ... GOOD! NOW,
LUKE, FOLD THE
PAPER AGAIN AND
PUT IT BACK WITH
THE REST ... NOW
DUMP THEM ALL
OUT ON THE GROUND,
AND, TOM, YOU TAKE
THIS-HERE MATCH
AND SET THE WHOLE
KIT-AND-CABOODLE
AFIRE!



ALL BURNED. ?
ASHES COOLED OFF?
GOOD! NOW I'LL
JUST TAKE SOME
OF THE ASHES AND
RUB IT ONTO MY
ARM... LIKE THIS!



















THE TOWNSMEN GET WIND OF THE



BUT THE MASHED MAN HE'S PLANTED HIS CRONIES IN WIDE-SPREAD AND UNLIKELY SPOTS— AND AS THE TOWNSMEN RUN BY, THE HIDDEN BADHATS GREET THEM WITH FLYING LEAD!



THOSE ARMY TACTICS SURE
PAYOFF! ALL WE HAVE TO
REMEMBER IS TO KEEP
SPREAD OUT AND TO
THROW COVERING
FIRE ON ALL OUR JOBS.
AND WE'LL DRAIN HE
TERRITORY DRY!

AND BOON-





YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF SPINELESS COYOTES! BECAUSE OF THE LOT OF YOU, WORD'S GOING TO SPREAD THAT RED GULCH IS AN EASY MARK—AND EVERY BADHAT IN THE WEST WILL HEAD THIS WAY!

THERE'S NOTHING THE SHERIES CAN DO, MOLLY ALL HIS DEPUTIES ARE WOUNDED. AND PEAR-FOR-THERE-LIVES WON'T LET THE OTHER MEN BUDGE!

MAKES YOU FEEL FINE DORSN'T IT, JEFF? AT LAST EVERY MAN IN TOWN HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE AS SPINELERS AS YOU!

FOR A LONG TIME JEFF GRANT GTANDS THERE, CHEWING HIS LIPS ... BUT THEN HE SHRUGS AND TURNS ANALY FOR THE REST OF THE PAY HE STAYS INSIDE HIS SHOR BUT THEN WICHT FALLS—



AN HOUR'S HARD RIDE BRINGS HIM TO THE CAVE. HE DISMOUNTS AND ENTERS. BACK IN THE CAVE'S DEEPEST SHADOW, HE CHANGES HIS CLOTHING FROM HEAD TO FOOT... AND WHEN HE HITS AIR AGAIN, HE'S THE PRESTO KID!































LUCKY I REMEMBERED THERE WAS A LEDGE I COULD HIDE UNDER FROM THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE! NOW FOR A GOOD YANK ON THIS LASSO TO JERK THOSE BADMATS OFF THEIR FEET AND SEND THEIR GUNS FLYING!



HAVE TO WORK FAST ... THEY'RE STILL GROGGY - BUT THEY'LL BE UP ANY MINUTE NOW!



WHO A MAN POESN'T PACK GLINS, HANDCUFFS SURE COME IN HANDY FOR BRINGING PRISONERS IN!

KNOWING I'D HAVE TO BE HANGING UNDER THAT LEDGE, I GAW I COULDN'T HANDLE THEM ALL WITH JUST MY LAGEO WHILE THEY WERE SPREAD OUT! SO BEFORE GOING OVER, I WROTE THE SIGN IN THE SAND WITH MY SPUR, DEPENDING ON CURIOSITY TO MAKE THEM



COME TO THINK OF
IT-WHAT I DID
BACK AT THE CLIFF
WASN'T TOD UNLIKE
THE TRICK I SHOWED
THE YOUNG UNS TODAY.
NO POUBT ABOUT IT—
THE BIGGEST PART
OF MAGIC IS CONVINCING
FOLKS TOUR TO THE IMPOSSIBLE ... AFTER
YOU'VE RIGGED
THE IMPOSSIBLE ... AFTER
YOU'VE RIGGED
TO THE TOUR UP
BEFOREHAND SO THERE
IS NOTHING TO IT!



THE NEXT DAY-

AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING LAST NIGHT WHILE THE PRESTO HID WAS HAULING THE GANG IN ?) SHARPENING UP SOME MORE FOOL TRICKS FOR YOUR YOUNG FRIENDS?



WHY DOES
THE PRESTO
AND POSE AS
A BLACKSLATU
ASTINEEN
MISSIONS;
WHAT IS
BEHIND HIS
FEELING
AGAINST
GUNS;
AND
HOW DID HE
FIRST COME
TO LEARN
MAGIC...
FOR THE
TO LEARN
WATCH FOR
FUTURE
THRILING
INSTALL MENTS
OF THE PRESTO
KID!



Dear Readers:

When you send in questions about the west, we do our very best to answer them as completely as possible—but a good number of you boys and girls have been making inquiries that deal with the movies and movie stars. Your proper source of information about such subjects is a movie magazine. We do what we can to tell you what you want to know, but since we are equipped to handle queries about the west, it follows that motion pictures are outside our province. I trust that you good readers of The Cave will understand. . . . Redmask

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TO: Diana Green, Columbus, Ohio; Jess Tomey, Pawhuska. Okla.: Bob Curtis, Gresham. Ore.

Calamity Jane was a real person. Her real name was Martha Jane Canarry. Born in Missouri about the year 1848, she "went west" in 1863. Calamity Jane lived the life of a man for the most part. She could shoot with uncanny accuracy, and ride like a Comanche. She wandered from one town to another in the old west, stopping at Alder Gulch and Cheyenne. Abilene and Hays City. During the '70s, she worked as an army scout with the cavalry in its wars with the Indians.

She was a mule-skinner and cattle drover, also,

In Deadwood, she became friendly with Wild Bill Hickok. After he died, Calamity Jane busied herself at various odd jobs, and achieved a reputation as a sort of heroine when smallpox struck Deadwood, by nursing and caring for the sick.

Later, she appeared on the stage, describing her days in the building of the west. Books were written about her. She died in 1903, and is buried now beside her good friend. Wild Bill Hickok.

To enumerate the famous outlaws of the west would take quite a lot of space, but

some of the more famous ones would include Jesse James, his brother Frank, the Younger boys, Billy the Kid, Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, the members of the Hole-in-the-Wall gang, Kid Curry, Bill Doolin, the Apache Kid, Black Bart of California, Sam Bass, Joaquin Murietta, Clay Allison, Cherokee Bill, the Dalton boys, Bob, Emmett, Grat; Sam Starr and a host of others.

TO: Norman Baxter, Killarney, Manitoba

The Lone Ranger became the Lone Ranger after being ambushed with other Texas Rangers by a band of outlaws. His Indian friend Tonto—whom he had helped escape once by lending him a horse—found him badly wounded and nursed him back to health. After some time, the Lone Ranger grew better, and got the idea of becoming the Lone Ranger. Everyone thought he was dead (being one of the ambushed Texas Rangers), and the black mask he wore would make a perfect disguise. From this time on, Tonto and the Lone Ranger worked together in their unrelenting pursuit and capture of outlaws and badmen.

TO: Gary Price, Detroit, Mich.; Gary B. Matson, Rosedale, N. Y.; James Sikara, Sacramento, Calif.; Harold Browning, Chilhowie, Va.; Ruby Lesline, Logan, Iowa; Dickie Hayes, Pennington Gap, Va.; Charles LeBaron, New York, N.Y.; Maryless Doud, Wisconsin; Frank Nayavich, Jr., Port Isabel, Texas

Sorry. No pictures of the Black Phantom or of Redmask available as yet. No subscriptions are being accepted to Black Phantom magazine. Incidentally, Redmask is NOT the Ghost Rider. Rex Fury is the Ghost Rider. Redmask prefers to be Redmask most of the time. The Black Phantom works with Redmask. She has no secret cave of her own, but is free to come and go in Redmask's Cave, for she is his assistant in tracking down outlaws and bandits.

The town of Bullet exists only in Redmask. However, it is modelled on towns that did exist in the old west. So that, while it may not exist in fact, it has existed in part,

in the past.

Yes, there is a heavy vein of pure gold running through Redmask's Cave. Redmask uses a Colt Peacemaker revolver and a Bowie knife. Upon occasion, he uses a lariat and a Winchester rifle.

Bobby Benson and Tex Mason are fictional characters, as is the Range Rider. The Ghost

Rider is fictitious, not real.

Dale Evans is a real person. She stars with, and is married to, the western movie star,

Roy Rogers.

Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse attacked General George Custer at the Little Big Horn, in the state of Montana.

TO: Janet McLeod, East Anderson, N. H.; Cynthia Davy, Jamaica, B.W.I.

There are cowboys and cowgirls today, but we see them mostly only in the rodeos that are staged yearly. They work either on their own ranches or on ranches where they are employed. Big ranches still exist today. We have the fabulous King Ranch and the XIT, for example. Much of the work is done by mechanical means, in jeeps and with power tools. Still, in the rougher parts of the range, the cowboy and his horse can go where jeeps cannot.

These ranches have roundup times, where they brand their cattle, even today. However, there are no outlaws in the west now—unless you call thugs and hoodlums outlaws. And they mostly frequent the big cities, not the open range.

TO: Bruce Worrell, Battle Creek, Mich.

In case some of you readers do not see the replies to your letters in the next issue after mailing your letters, remember that we answer all the queries to the Cave. You may have missed a reply in one of the issues. There are a good many letters to be answered, and, in order to cover them all, we must watch lest we repeat, over and over, information that has already appeared here.

The Range Rider is a fictitious character. We have nothing in our files to indicate that "Whip" Wilson was a real character. Chances

are, he was fictitious.

TO: Eddie Bentley, Buffalo, N. Y.; James D. Wood, Waitsburg, Wash.; Al Dean Robinson, Temple, Texas

We have given information about Billy the Kid many times in the Cave, but he continues to be popular as a source of interest. His real name was William Bonney. He knifed a man when twelve years old and had to flee. He became a cowboy and range rider and rustler in the "unknown years" between the knifing and the Lincoln County war, where he emerges as a deadly gunman.

Billy the Kid was born in New York City. He was shot to death by sheriff Pat Garrett on a ranch belonging to Pete Maxwell in

New Mexico.

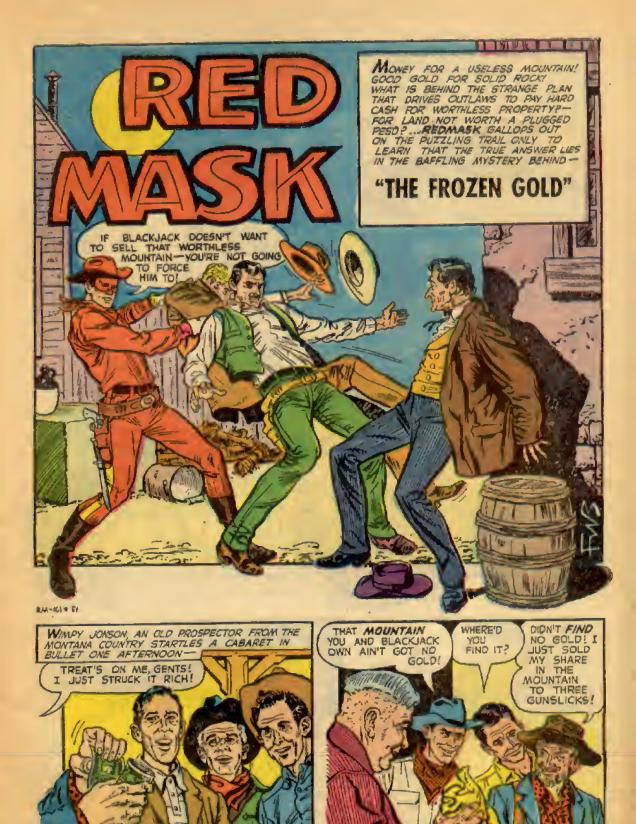
Legend says that Billy the Kid killed 21 men, one man for each year of his life, for he was 21 years old when he died. Born in November, 1859, he was killed in July, 1881. This will make him 21 years old, not 22; he would have been 22 in November, 1881.

The Colt Peacemaker is not used today, except in western and TV movies; when the producers want to stick close to the real life aspects of the films they are making, they have their heroes and villains use them. The Peacemaker was the most glamorous of all Colt revolvers.

Wild Bill Hickok is buried in Deadwood,

South Dakota.

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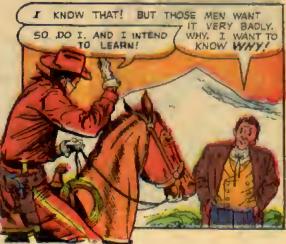












































EDITOR'S NOTE: GLACIAL ICE MOVES AT VARYING SPEEDS, SOME GLACIER'S MOVE ONE OR TWO INCHES A DAY, OTHERS MOVE AS MUCH AS 4 FEET, SOME HAVE MOVED 100 FEET A DAY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS!





"HE HID THE GOLD IN A
ROCK CREVASSE INTENDING TO COME
BACK AND GET IT. BY
THE TIME HE CAME
BACK, THE GOLD HAD
BEEN SWALLOWED UP
BY THE GLACIER!"













*EDITOR'S NOTE: LIRANIUM WAS DISCOVERED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE IS ** CENTURY. IT HAS BEEN COMMERCIALLY PROFITABLE, HOWEVER, ONLY SINCE THE INVENTION OF THE ATOM BOMB AND ATOMIC POWER TODAY THE MOUNTAIN—WHEREVER IT IS —WOULD BE WORTH MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS TO WHOEVER OWNED IT!





